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The University of Dayton

News Release

UD ANNOUNCES HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

DAYTON, Ohio, April 13, 1987--The University of Dayton will award three honorary doctorates at its spring commencement ceremony Sunday, April 26, at 10 a.m. in UD Arena.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist James "Scotty" Reston will receive the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree. A political journalist, Reston has influenced national politics with his reporting and editorial comment, both of which have been followed by generations of readers.

Raised in the Miami Valley, Reston graduated from Oakwood High School and worked for Delco's employee publication, "Doings," before going to the University of Illinois. Early in his career, he wrote for the Springfield Daily News and the Dayton Daily News.

Father Theodore A. Koehler, S.M., director of the Marian Library and founder of the International Marian Research Institute, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Koehler, who joined the university in 1969, is recognized internationally for his research and scholarship in theology, particularly the study of Mary. For the past 18 years, Koehler has worked to increase the quality and quantity of the library's collection. The Marian Library has, consequently, attracted scholars from around the world.

Franklin B. Walter, superintendent of public instruction for the state of Ohio, will be awarded the honorary Doctor of Education degree. The degree

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recognizes Walter for his dedicated leadership and his commitment to high standards for education in Ohio.

In an unprecedented move, Walter urged the state legislature to provide faculty development opportunities for Ohio's teachers. He also demonstrated his concern for the teaching profession by convincing the state legislature to provide a subsidy for teacher education.

UD will award 1,268 degrees at the commencement exercises. In addition to the three honorary doctorates, the degrees include 988 bachelor's, 277 master's and three earned doctorates.

For more information, call the Department of Public Relations and University Communications at 229-3241.